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Fiber Coils and Optical Amplifiers Utilizing  
Such CoilsINFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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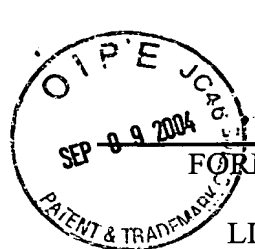
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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date if Approp.
	AA	US 6,496,301 B1	12/17/02	Helical Fiber Amplifier	359	337	
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	AC	US 6,434,295 B1	8/13/02	Side Coupled Pumping of Double Clad Fiber Gain Media	385	27	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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